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ILLEGAL FOOD VENDORS

The issue of illegal food vendors is a county-wide problem affecting communities throughout the 88 cities and the 134 unincorporated. The Department of Public Health has the responsibility to investigate and enforce California Health and Safety Codes on all mobile food vehicles in the County, including illegal food vendors.

Recent studies have shown the negative implications which may be created by citizens consuming food prepared under unsanitary conditions or unsafe food practices. Many of the vendors lack the appropriate health permits and do not practice adequate hygiene when preparing food, including and fruit.

Though illegal food vendor sweeps are conducted as often as possible, limited resources and lack of staffing have hindered the amount of sweeps necessary to curb this public health threat. In many communities, the height of activity for illegal vendors is during the evenings and weekends.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Administrative Officer to transfer \$80,000 from the Provisional Financing Uses Budget to Public Health for increased illegal vendor sweeps on evenings and weekends throughout the Antelope Valley, and \$90,000 from the Provisional Financing Uses Budget to Public Health for a vehicle to transport illegal vending carts.

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